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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General B. E. Spivy
Acting Director, Joint Staff
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: State-Defense Study Group Middle East
Project

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To meet the needs outlined in your letter of 7 March, I have named [redacted] as the CIA member of the State-Defense Study Group working on the problems of the Middle East. [redacted] will be CIA's internal coordinator for the project and will serve as Mr. [redacted] alternate when required. Both officers have extensive background and experience in this area which should contribute greatly to your study.

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/s/ Richard Helms

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Richard Helms
Director

cc: Ambassador Julius C. Helms

CONCUR:

Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

21 MAR 1967

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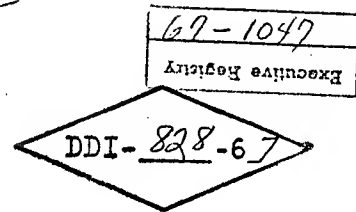
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7 March 1967

The Honorable Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Dick:

The Special State-Defense Study Group is undertaking a study of problems in the Middle East. This appears to be a logical successor study to the Long-Range Communist China Study of last year. Ambassador Julius C. Holmes has been designated Study Director for the project with Brigadier General Stephen W. Henry, USAF, serving as his deputy. Terms of reference are now being assembled for approval by the Senior Policy Group.

The Study Group will have a continuing need for CIA support, such as was provided during the China Study, by a full-time representative, consultations, and other assistance by specific sections of the Agency.

Ambassador Holmes will be in contact with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Bert
B. E. SPIVY
Lt General, USA
Acting Director
Joint Staff

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